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APPLICANT:

RON CLARK, et al.

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed September 21, 2007, applicants request entry of this Response C With Amendment and reconsideration of the above-captioned application. This response addresses every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

A shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for a one-month extension of time and a completed Form PTO-2038

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the 200 day of January, 2008.

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authorizing the Commissioner to charge the indicated credit card in the appropriate in amount to cover the corresponding fee are also enclosed.

The fees for consideration of Claims 42-93 (of which Claims 42 and 72 were independent claims) were previously submitted in this application. Claims 44-60, 63-66, 68-71, 81, 82, 85, 86, and 90-93 are cancelled by the present amendment, and Claims 122-126 are added (of which Claims 122, 123, 125, and 126 are independent claims). The total number of claims now under examination is 24, including the total number of six (6) independent claims. Accordingly, enclosed is a captioned paper entitled "FEE TO COVER ADDITIONAL CLAIMS ADDED BY AMENDMENT", and the form PTO-2038 is also appropriate in amount to cover the corresponding fee for three (3) additional independent claims presented herein.